

Good afternoon Chairman Tercyak, Chairman Holder-Winfield, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

My name is William Hennessy and I am a Radiologic Technologist. I am the former President and current Chairman of the Board of the Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists, and previously the Department Chair and Director of the Diagnostic Imaging Program at Quinnipiac University.

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address this committee regarding Senate Bill 242, "An Act Concerning Sick Leave for Teacher Assistants and Radiologic Technologists".

I am requesting that you pass Senate Bill 242 to resolve an oversight to legislation enacted 2 years ago. I am referring to Senate Bill 913, Public Act 11-52, a bill mandating employers provide paid sick time to employees .

The Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists represents over 4000 registered technologists in the state from general radiographers, to Computed Tomography, MRI, Ultrasonographers, Nuclear Medicine and Interventional Technologists.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Standard Occupational Classification numbers includes 29-2030 through 2035 Diagnostic Related Technologists and Technicians. It is my hope that our omission was just an oversight

There is a large population of imaging technologists that are directly affected by the omission of our profession from this bill.

You are all familiar with the impacts in family economic dynamics and the ongoing federal and state budget cuts and reductions in procedure reimbursements has had on the medical imaging community.

Many technologists are currently employed only in part time or per diem positions. Often, they are working at multiple imaging centers to make ends meet and they receive no benefits. The bill as currently worded provides paid sick leave to many of our healthcare co-workers including Physician's Assistants, Registered Nurses, Occupational, Physical and Respiratory therapists, health aides, the hospital cafeteria food servers and cooks, but not to imaging technologists.

I hope you understand the commitment to quality care that imaging professionals make to our patients and employers. The resolution of this inadvertent omission will provide equitable and appropriate compensation for their continued high level of service to the ill and injured in our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

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